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What is claimed is:

1. A method for setting up a telecommunication connection between an A-

5 party located in a first country and a B-party located in a second country using a switched telecommunication system that includes a switched telecommunication network comprising a digital mobile telecommunications network, a telecommunication terminal of the A-party and connected to the switched telecommunication network, a telecommunication terminal of the B-

10 party and connected to the switched telecommunication network, and a telecommunication server connected to the switched telecommunication network and comprising means for handling messages and setting up telecommunication connections, comprising the steps of:

15 sending, from the A-party telecommunication terminal to the telecommunication server, a call setup message;

20 setting up, at the telecommunication server, a first telecommunication connection from the telecommunication server to the A-party telecommunication terminal;

setting up, at the telecommunication server based on the call setup message received from the A-party telecommunication terminal, a second telecommunication connection from the telecommunication server to the B-party telecommunication terminal; and

connecting together, at the telecommunication server, the first and second telecommunication connections to establish a telecommunication connection from the B-party telecommunication terminal to the A-party telecommunication terminal.

2. A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein the call setup message contains a telephone number of the B-party.

5 3. A method in accordance with claim 1, further comprising the steps of:  
identifying, at the telecommunication server, a subscription of the A-party; and  
directing, to the A-party subscription, call charges for the telecommunication  
connection from the B-party telecommunication terminal to the A-party telecommunication  
terminal.

10 4. A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein the call setup message comprises a USSD message.

15 5. A system for setting up a telecommunication connection between an A-party located in a first country and a B-party located in a second country using a switched telecommunication system that includes a switched telecommunication network comprising a digital mobile telecommunications network, a telecommunication terminal of the A-party and connected to the switched telecommunication network, and a telecommunication terminal of the B-party and connected to the switched telecommunication network, the system comprising:  
20 a telecommunication server connected to the switched telecommunication network and operable for handling messages and setting up telecommunication connections,

5 said server comprising means for identifying a subscription of the B-party from a call setup message received by said server from the A-party telecommunication terminal, means for setting up a first telecommunication connection from the server to the A-party telecommunication terminal and a second telecommunication connection from the server to the B-party telecommunication terminal based on the call setup message, and means for connecting the first and second telecommunication connections to establish a telecommunication connection from the B-party telecommunication terminal to the A-party telecommunication terminal.

10 6. A system in accordance with claim 5, further comprising means in the A-party telecommunication terminal for sending the call setup message from the A-party telecommunication terminal to said server.

15 7. A system in accordance with claim 6, where said means in the A-party telecommunication terminal comprises means for including a telephone number of the B-party in the call setup message

20 8. A system in accordance with claim 5, wherein said server further comprises means for identifying a subscription of the A-party and for directing, to the identified A-party subscription, call charges for the telecommunication connection established from the B-party terminal to the A-party terminal.

9. A system in accordance with claim 5, wherein said server further

comprises means for handling USSD messages.

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